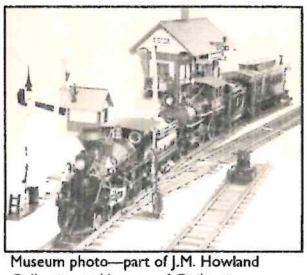
IRONDALE NEWSLETTER

Winter Issue — November 2013

J.M. Howland Collection ...

The Museum of Civilization in Ottawa has notified us that the J. M. Howland Collection went on display just prior to Thanksgiving. The Museum is well worth the visit, whether you are interested in Mr. Howland's model or not.

Plans are being made for a bus trip—enabling all those interested to make the trip with the company of other like minded people. No date has been set, if you are interested in reserving a seat or would like more information, contact Carol Simmons.(see back page)



Museum photo—part of J.M. Howland Collection at Museum of Civilization

Our Own Mystery ...

It seems we will need to hire Jessica Fletcher or have Scotland's Sherlock Holmes pay us a visit.

Someone(s) over the last week or so decided they needed to take a chainsaw to the sign shown at left. They did a lovely job cutting the posts off a few feet above ground then proceeded to remove the top sign from the bottom one.

Some felt the township or county departments may have had the signage taken down. However there would have been some documentation—written or verbal—prior to action taking place. Let's hope the signage is returned and the mystery solved prior to the next newsletter.

In the meantime, the action prompted me to feel it was a great 'logo' for the top of the newsletter and possibly the new website.

New website you ask? Keep reading to find out more.

ARE YOU A POSTAGE HERO ?

Sue Buckingham is the postage hero for this issue. She donated the funds to have this issue sent to the residents of Irondale area as well as those with an interest in staying in touch.

Don't forget to say **"THANK YOU SUE for being our postage hero"** next time you see her.

Charitable Status ...

I can finely tell you that the Bark Lake Cultural Developments (oversees Irondale Church property) has recently been notified that they have earned charitable status. Therefore, you can expect to receive official tax receipts (to be used on your income tax submissions) when you donate to them.

Canada Helps provides a link between you as the donor and charitable organizations. Bark Lake Cultural Developments has a specific page set up to make it easy for you to donate to ensure the building is maintained & the various programs can be implemented. Have a look around their page at **www.CanadaHelps.org**

CanadaHelps.org
Giving made simple.

Candlelight Christmas Program
December 22, 7pm, Irondale Church, All Welcome

From time to time we will feature people that played a part in Irondale's history. **Kingan Home Hardware, Peterborough**

How does Kingan Home Hardware of Peterborough tie into the history of Irondale?

Robert Kingan was born in Glasgow, Scotland on April 30, 1815. Graduated Edinburgh University and was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian church. Robert came to Canada about 1840 and did supervisory mission work among congregations along the lake front. His voice troubled him, he was unable to carry on his ministry duties. He married Jane Jeffrey, daughter of Hon. Andrew Jeffrey in May 1848. Robert went in the hardware business in Cobourg; moved to Peterborough in 1850 and started the Kingan Hardware business. The business was transferred to his sons in 1884 and became Kingan & Co.

Robert and Jane Kingan had ten children, seven of which were living when Robert Kingan died in 1893, his wife having died May 1892. Those children still living at the time where Jane, John, Mary, Robert G., Frank, Anna and Frederick.

Robert G. Kingan married Harriet Atkins (Hattie) Pusey in Irondale in 1889. Harriet was born April 29, 1865 in Pottsville, Pennyslvania, U.S.A to Charles Jonathan and Ruth A. (Atkins) Pusey.

Robert & Harriet Kingan had one child—Charles E. Kingan born 1890, died 1983. Charles had one child—a daughter born 1920.

Philanthropy is not something that I think about.
It is part of who I am and something that I simply like to do.
What motivates me is knowing that in some small way,
I have been able to contribute to the goodness of the community."

If you do not see your name below—your membership dues have lapsed. It is $10 per person per year.

Fred Albert; Kay Armatage; Ken & Sydney Clark; Sue Buckingham; Heather, Janet & Laura Farina; Mary Graham; Wayne Graham; Kingsley & Carolyn Greenham; Arnold Hancock; Heather Hancock; Mark Hancock; Robert Hancock; Madeleine Howarth; Rick & Diane Lichty; Gary & Kathleen Mansfield; Kathy McAlpine; Pat Miller; Jean Neville; Susan Newell; Helen Pantridge; Bill Procter & Michelle Bannock; Jean Quibell; Ronnie Rankin; Dorothy Reid; Doug Rodger & Barbara Gordon; Ron & June Shepstone; Arlene Simmons & Dwayne Langelaan; Fred & Carol Simmons; George & Glenda Simmons; Richard & Leanne Simmons; Deenie Stuart; Margy Swanton; Bruce & Susan Thompson; Samantha Thompson; Dan Wilson; Jane Wilson; Nikki Wilson; Al & Pat Witham; Bill & Bette Witham.

Thank you to all who continue to support the Irondale Historical Society with their membership dues. These dues are important if we are to continue our research.

Please send your cheque payable to
Irondale Historical Society
P.O. Box 113 Irondale, ON K0M 1X0

Please save your Canadian Tire Money

The Hall at the Irondale Church will receive some major upgrading in 2014. Your Canadian Tire money will go a long way in purchasing brighter light fixtures, plumbing and electrical materials, paint, etc.

You can turn your Canadian Tire Money into any Bark Lake Cultural Development board member (listed on back page) or mail it to P.O. Box 113 Irondale, ON K0M 1X0

Thank You.

Green-Wood celebrates 175 years ...

Founded in 1838, one of America's first rural cemeteries, the Green-Wood Cemetery soon developed an international reputation for its magnificent beauty and became the fashionable place to be buried. By 1860, Green-Wood was attracting 500,000 visitors a year. Crowds flocked to Green-Wood to enjoy family outings, carriage rides & sculpture viewing in the finest of first generation American landscapes. Green-Wood's popularity helped to inspire the creation of public parks, like New York City's Central and Prospect Parks.

Charles purchased Lot 19369, Section 185 on May 31,1870.

Green-Wood is 478 spectacular acres of hills, valleys, glacial ponds and paths, throughout which exists one of the largest outdoor collections of 19th & 20th century statuary & mausoleums. Four seasons of beauty from century & a half-old trees offer a peaceful oasis to visitors, as well as its 560,000 permanent residents, including Civil War generals, baseball legends, artists, politicians, entertainers and inventors.

This is also the resting place of Charles J. Pusey (July 19,1899), his wife Ruth Ann Pusey (Jan 12,1892) and their children Ruth Pusey (Jun 9, 1870), Charles A. Pusey (Feb 19, 1873), Charlotte Roosevelt (Jan 15, 1890) and Anna Howland (Jan 27,1917). *dates are burial

In June of this year, I had come across something that indicated Charles J. Pusey was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery in New York.

A few emails later, a bit of cash, we had the above information and a whole lot more. We learned there were two additional Pusey children (Ruth & Charles A.) that we had not known about before & I suspect the Charlotte mentioned above was a married daughter tho' I cannot prove it as yet.

What has this to do with the title you might be asking ...

A letter was received in October; congratulating the Irondale Church on becoming a 175th Anniversary Sponsor.

We received a commissioned art medal that depicts the magnificent angel of the Valentine monument; book commemorating the 175th Green-Wood at 175; Looking back/Looking Forward; a ceramic coffee mug depicting Green-Wood's 19th century gothic arches and note cards showing historic images and illustrations of Green-Wood.

These will be on display within the church building come warmer weather. Be sure to drop by and see the Pusey exhibit next summer.

Green-Wood's historian will be publishing an article on Charles J. Pusey and his many contributions to the Irondale area. We will be sure to let you know when it is available.

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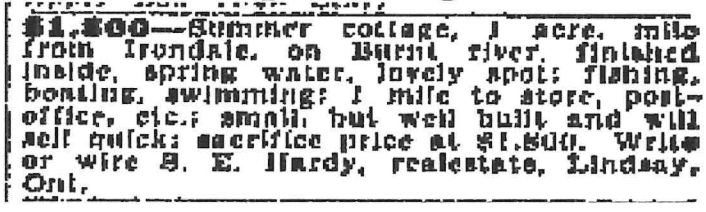
500 25th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11232-1755
green-wood.com

Won't see these prices again .... Will we?



$1,800—Summer cottage, 1 acre, mile from Irondale, on Burnt river, finished inside, spring water, lovely spot: fishing, boating, swimming: 1 mile to store, post-office, etc.: small, but well built and will sell quick: sacrifice price at $1,800. Write or wire B. E. Hardy, realestate, Lindsay, Ont.

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Willing Hands

Bruce & Sue Thompson can be seen above assembling the new hinges and handles on the cupboards in the Irondale Church hall. Sue gave all the cupboards a bright new coat of paint. They will be fabulous when hung.

THANK YOU!

A Letter from Heaven

When tomorrow starts without me,
and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your
eyes, filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry,
the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
we didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me,
as much as I love you,
And each time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.
When tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right there in your heart. ♥

Words of Wisdom—
www.Facebook.com/Davesrodsofwisdom

I came across this poem tonight—immediately thought of Dorothy Clark, perhaps you will too.

I hadn't known Dorothy for very long before I found myself attending her funeral. It intrigued me to think she planned the service herself.

Listening to the songs she picked, the stories shared made me feel like I had known her for much longer.

Dorothy is smiling at someone right now as she quietly says 'euchre'.

Many thanks to those that chose to honour Dorothy by donating to the Irondale Church.

I have been aware there are others waiting patiently for our charitable number.

Should you still wish - you can make your memorial donation now through Canada Helps website or by mailing a cheque to
Irondale Church
P.O. Box 113
Irondale, ON K0M 1X0.
A charitable receipt will be mailed to you and a note to the family to acknowledge your gift.

Church Services Continue Through the Winter Months ...

Irondale Community Church Services are being held at the Perfect Bite Eatery, Gooderham through the winter months. The Penman family offered their warm space and hospitality, helping us to keep the church expenses low while our attendance is smaller.
Mark & Heather Penman and others from both areas are able to attend since they open the restaurant at 11:30 on Sundays. Mark has agreed to do the sermon portion of each Sunday. Mark puts the bible stories in easy to understand fashion, weaving present day stories and topics in.
Come out for the friendly hour of worship and stay to enjoy a breakfast or lunch. Heather's baked goods are mouth-wateringly good. Service starts at 10 am. Love to see you there.

New Website Coming Soon To A Computer Near You ...
www.IrondaleOntario.ca

Yard Sale reaps more than cash ...

A gentleman purchases a ladder at the May Yard Sale held at the Kinmount arena. He chats with the salespeople and learns of the Irondale Church restoration project.
David Holliday, a Bacon Rd cottager decides to visit the Irondale Church property and gets a fantastic idea. He proposes to his long time love. Susan says yes—and the rest they say is history.
David & Susan will be married November 23, 2013 in Irondale's heritage 'church in the wildwood'. Congratulations David & Susan!

Yard Sale yields tidy sum for the Irondale Church projects.

Life Has Now Been Explained ...

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."
The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"
And God saw it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."
The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"
And again , God saw it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."
The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"
And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."
But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty. "Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you. There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service. If you are looking for me I will be on the front porch.

Thank You ...

To those who have placed orders for Regal items.

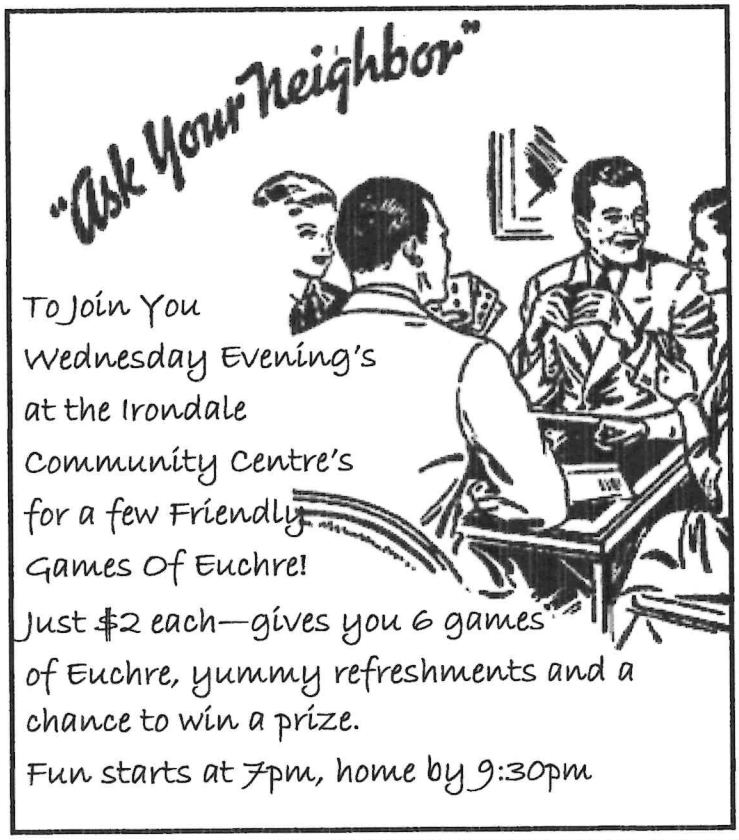
Bark Lake Cultural Developments has realized a tidy little sum — the profits from the orders you have placed. Every little bit helps.

Regal offers more than 1000 products with hundreds being priced under $20. We are sure every one can find something either for themselves or as a gift for family and friends.

Still time to order for Christmas

Shop online at www.blcd.shopregal.ca or give a Carol a call for a paper catalogue. Her number is listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Enjoy Free Shipping to Nov 25 at midnight.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To Join You
Wednesday Evening's
at the Irondale
Community Centre's
for a few Friendly
Games Of Euchre!
Just $2 each—gives you 6 games
of Euchre, yummy refreshments and a
chance to win a prize.
Fun starts at 7pm, home by 9:30pm

Websites do work ...

A few days ago the irondalehistory@gmail.com received the following email ...

"I have just discovered that Irondale had a website & see that the last newsletter was in 2011 so am wondering if the Historical Society is still in existence. I was born in Irondale in 1942 to Robert & Audrey McGregor in the red house on the old Irondale Road. There is a plaque in the church with my father's name on it as one who gave his life in WWII. My husband and I now live in Knoxville, Tennessee for 6 months of the year and the other 6 in Bancroft. When we come up in the Spring, I fully intend to stop into the store and introduce myself. I really hope the Society is still viable because I would like to become a member."

A reply was sent back stating the society was certainly still functioning and a new website was close to being live. A copy of each newsletter since the end of 2011 was sent by email.

Carol, thank you so much for responding. I'm glad the Society is alive and well. I was born in Irondale but, at 6 months old, my Mother and Father moved to Toronto because he had enlisted in the Air Force. So I don't have many stories to tell, except when my Mom and I began going back after my father was killed in 1945. I remember playing with the Graham kids and I remember staying with Lila Simmons (relation ?). The last time I visited them was in 1962 during the foggy Grey Cup. I was about 3 months pregnant at the time.

I remember Len and Myrtle Milburn; Len would pick us up at the bus stop in Gooderham in his hay wagon to take us back to Irondale. When we visited them at their farm, my Mom and I would go pick wild blueberries and Myrtle would serve them out with fresh cream from the cold cellar. I got my first bee sting at their place. I have LOTS of pictures that I'll bring with me in the Spring so maybe you or someone can identify some of the people.

My husband, Bill, and I visited the church about 23 years ago and met (I think) Fred Simmons who remembered my Dad and Mom. He's the one who showed us the plaque commemorating my father. I'm so excited about being in touch with my birthplace and I hope we can keep in touch through the winter. By the way, my Mom is still alive - she turned 95 on October 9th. I can't wait to tell her about this. And, she has stories to tell.

And a subsequent email from her ...

Thank you so much for the up-to-date newsletters. Mom lives in Barrie but she won't travel any distance these days, so I can only keep her up to date with pictures and conversation. I think Lila and my Mom were good friends. By all means use my stories and name, which was Helen McGregor. It's funny - the more I write down my 'memories', the more I remember. I am now compiling a binder to keep everything I'm learning about Irondale. My husband and my girls know how attached I am to the area. I am sending a cheque for $20 as membership for Bill and I. Keep up the good work and let's keep in touch.

The power of the internet. Looking forward to meeting Helen come warmer weather!

Community Centre's Dinner & Auction Event

Doug Pearson is regularly called the 'Loonie Auctioneer' but he certainly doesn't mind. He has the knack of pulling more loonies from pockets than you may wish to spend. He does it to my pockets at every event we go to. The Community Centre's fundraiser was no different. I leave lots of cash behind, even though I don't 'win' much. Well, that is the name of the game, isn't it? People go to these fundraisers knowing the organizers want you to leave your money behind.

This past September saw the Irondale Community Centre Committee raise approximately $1800 at this event.

Thank you to all those that attended and enjoyed the ham & scallop potato meal.

Community Dinners ... past and future

HUNTERS SPECIAL
Saturday, Nov. 2013
Irondale Community Centre
6 pm to 8 pm
Homemade - Beef Stew,
Caesar Salad,
Roll, Pie, Tea or Coffee

Raised $270 for the Community Centre

IRONDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S
WILD GAME DINNER

Saturday July 2013
Doors open 5 pm Dinner served at 6pm
Galway Community Centre,
Be sure to bring your loonies
for Loonie Auction Excitement
Raised $ 5,700 for the Historical Society

Irondale Calendar of Events

December 22—Candlelight Christmas Program, 7pm
Irondale Church, ALL WELCOME
January 25—Friends Tea Party—
Community Centre
February 15—Seafood Supper with your Sweetheart
Community Centre
March 22—The Not-so-Newlywed Game, how well do they know their spouse—come by & find out—3 couples needed as contestants
April 12—Fish Fry Dinner & Auction
Gooderham Community Centre
May 16—Pusey Exhibit opens at Irondale Church
May 17—Irondale Church Lottery tickets go on sale exciting prizes
June 7— Victorian Tea

Email or Call Carol for details (see back page)

Mark Your 2014 Calendars Now. You won't want to miss out!

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~Rentals~

Irondale Church for your next function? contact Glenda 705-447-2679 or Carol 705-457-8438

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~Rentals~

Rentals for the centre or the big tent can be booked thru
Barry Simmons 705-447-2380

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[Please Donate]

The Bark Lake Cultural Developments is now a registered charitable organization with the Canada Revenue Agency.

Your will receive an Official Tax receipt when you donate that can be used on your Income Tax Forms.

Charitable Registration Number:
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I want to help restore the Irondale Church.

Please send me a receipt for my donation of

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